

NEWSLETTER #2009-1

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FIRE SCENE SAFETY:

On Nov. 29th, 2008, the Biggar Fire Department responded to a house fire on 5th Avenue West. As per standard operating procedures water supply lines were laid out on the street from a fire hydrant and pressured with water. This water supply is not only for the fire suppression but is crucial for the protection of our fire fighters. These fire fighters are inside of these structure fires combating the fire and searching for potential victims. The Fire Department understands the public's curiosity in wanting to know and see what is happening at a fire scene **but when you drive your vehicles over the hose lines – there is a great risk of the hose breaking.** If this happens, our fire fighters are in serious trouble as you have cut off their life line. Also there is a great risk of damaging the water system to the town.

PLEASE DO YOUR PART IN KEEPING FIRE FIGHTERS AS SAFE AS POSSIBLE as they are acting to protect you and your home or business. This is best done by staying away from fire scenes.

The RCMP will be enforcing security at fire scenes and vehicles entering streets which are blocked to protect fire scenes are subject to the provisions of the Traffic Safety Act and the Town's Traffic Bylaw No. 03-644 Section 31 which makes it an offence to park on or cross any fire department hose.

CHIMNEY INSPECTION:

The Fire Department would like to remind property owners of the importance of inspecting chimneys located in their homes or businesses. Ice can build up on the chimney and having a blocked or partially blocked chimney can result in carbon monoxide escaping into your home or business. Also this could be a potential fire hazard.

2009 DOG TAGS ARE NOW AVAILABLE

It is now time for owners of dogs to renew their dog license for 2009. **All dogs in town are required to be licensed. Failure to do so will result in fines being issued to the owners of unlicensed dogs. Licenses are due by January 31, 2009.**

The fees for 2009 Dog Licenses are as follows:

1st and 2nd dog in each household:

Each neutered male dog	\$15.00	Each spayed female dog	\$15.00
Each male dog	\$25.00	Each female dog	\$25.00

THIRD AND SUBSEQUENT DOGS AT SAME HOUSEHOLD, EACH \$100.00

2009 CAT TAGS ARE NOW AVAILABLE:

It is now time for owners of cats to renew their cat license for 2009. **All cats in town are required to be licensed. Failure to do so will result in fines being issued to the owners of unlicensed cats. Licenses are due by January 31, 2009.**

The fees for 2009 Cat Licenses are as follows:

1st and 2nd cat in each household:

Each neutered male cat	\$15.00	Each spayed female cat	\$15.00
Each male cat	\$25.00	Each female cat	\$25.00

THIRD AND SUBSEQUENT CAT AT SAME HOUSEHOLD, EACH \$100.00

KIDSPORT OUTDOOR RINK:

The KidSport™ outdoor rink is located on 3rd Avenue West – across from Nor-West Apartments. This rink is open to the public. The rink is equipped with a warm up building and this building is open daily. **Please treat this facility with respect.** Many volunteer hours have gone into making the rink. If you see someone vandalising this facility in any way, please contact the RCMP or Jordan Schechtel, Recreation Director at the Town Office.

LANDFILL HOURS:

**MONDAY, WEDNESDAY, FRIDAY AND SATURDAY
11:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.**

These hours will be in effect until April 15th, 2009. **PLEASE REMEMBER THAT ALL LOADS GOING TO THE LANDFILL MUST BE SECURED OR TARPED TO KEEP DEBRIS FROM FALLING OFF AND LITTERING THE ROADWAYS AND DITCHES.**

FIRE HYDRANT VISABILITY:

With winter upon us, people are placing snow on front yards in and around fire hydrants. In order to assist our local fire department we would ask that if you have a fire hydrant located near your property, please ensure that the snow is removed from the area surrounding the hydrant thereby making them very accessible to the fire department in case the hydrant is needed.

For further information on any of the above, please contact the Town Office at 948-3317 or email the Town at townoffice@townofbiggar.com

